relations and initiatives, the global and regional security situation within the framework of evolving relations between India and the US. These included a review of the status of ongoing exchanges to meet India's counter-terrorism requirements. The issue of proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction was touched on in a general way as one of the areas of concern of the US and India.

(b) The US as well as India indicated keenness to continue the ongoing military relations between the US and the Indian Armed Forces in mutual interest.

(c) The US provided a briefing on the US Ballistic Missile Defence Programme. No specific offer for supply of missile defence technology was made nor sought. The meeting also discussed proposals in relation to defence-related technology. Combined military exercises are an integral aspect of India-US military-to-military relations.

(d) and (e) There are no specific proposals to which the Government has responded as yet.

Induction of Admiral Gorshkov in Navy

798. SHRI S.P.M.SYED KHAN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have concluded a package deal for the induction of aircraft carrier 'Admiral Gorshkov';

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any payment has been released; and

(d) what is the proposed date of induction and delivery of the platforms?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) to (d) Contracts and Supplementary Agreements were signed with Russia on 20th January 2004 for the induction of the Aircraft Carrier "Admiral Gorshkov". These relate to repair and re-equipping, logistic supports, shore infrastructure, training of ship's crew, repair and technical documents etc.

An amount of Rs. 449.29 crores has been so far released for the Aircraft Carrier;

The Aircraft Carrier is scheduled to be delivered by August 2008.